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THE EDITOR'S LEISURE HOURS. Observations of Passing Events.

NOTHING is more gratifying to the true and patriotic citizens of North Carolina than the great and rapid strides the State is making in educational progress...

For years there have been efforts and bold ventures at the perfection of a machine that will successfully pick cotton from the bolls in the field.

Do We Need Them? We have seen one machine at work and we pronounced it a failure. However, when one man fails in his attempts to accomplish a certain thing...

There seems to be a strong probability that the boll weevil will yet invade the cotton belt of North Carolina. News has gone out from Laurens, S. C., that an insect resembling the boll weevil is giving the farmers there considerable alarm.

MANY people go through the greater part of life feeling like they toil and strive in vain. To be sure, they may succeed in "making a living," as we say, and perhaps may accumulate something and do some good in the world...

How Grady Came to Lecture on "Just Human."

(By K. L. Knight, in Sunny South.) Henry W. Grady organized Atlanta's first lecture course away back in the early seventies and though it ran through only one season...

That hidden significance underlay these mysterious symbols not even the expert imagination of Mr. Grady could decipher; but without trying to solve the problem the town was soon placarded with the announcement...

Finally the day for the lecture arrived and Mr. Cox himself appeared upon the scene. On reading the announcement with which his name was coupled he turned to Mr. Grady in utter astonishment and said: "What does this mean, Mr. Grady?"

This statement explained the situation. On account of the bad penmanship on which the document was written "Irish Humor" was made to look like "Just Human."

Mr. Grady was an ideal entertainer. Both humor and pathos were at his command and he never failed to captivate any audience before which he spoke.

During the past ten years it has been my good fortune to hear some of the best public speakers of the country, and while I am free to admit that I have heard some whom I considered greater orators in the forensic sense of the time...

Good Interpretation

(Herald and Presbyter.) An exchange tells the story of a poor workman who told his wife, on awakening one morning, a curious dream which he had during the night. He dreamed he saw coming toward him, in order, four rats. The first one was very fat, and was followed by two lean rats, the rear rat being blind. The dreamer was greatly perplexed as to what evil might follow...

My Little Girl.

(Harriet Frances Crocker.) Last night there flew to let me in My little brown-eyed daughter, She searched my pockets every one To see what I had brought her. She kissed me sweet on brow and cheek And called me "dear old fellow!"

That was last night. To-night there came Into the room demurely And sat upon the window seat, A prim young stranger girlie. She cannot be my little lass Who used to meet me daily With laugh, and kiss, and merry speech

Why must she grow young-ladyfied, And step in longer dresses? Why did they braid and tie, and prink Her tossing yellow tresses? Why should they change her spring-heeled boots

For trotters so old-maidy, O where, O where's my little girl, And who is that young lady? I sadly gazed in silence; she Sat meek, and unreplying, A little sob—and then there came A burst of childish crying.

"I do not want to be grown up! I'll be your little girlie! I'd rather wear my dresses short And let my hair hang curly!" I raised her face—her loving tears Repaid the kiss I gave her.

"But stay my own and darling, I'd rather have the dresses short, And see your tresses curling! I'll speak to mamma!—and I will— Let fashion wait my pleasure, At least another year I'll keep My household's childhood treasure.

My little girl! My little Grace! Come, now! a romp together, To clear the shadows from your face And bring the sunshine weather. Dear heart! the years too fast will go In spite of our endeavor, But you will always be my child, My little girl forever.

The Price of Newspapers.

(Home and Farm.) It is said that the publishers of McClure's Magazine—heretofore a 10-cent magazine—are considering an advance in price to 15 cents. Newspapers of New York are all looking with something like sorrow and consternation at the steady increase in the price of paper and other expenses of publication...

Paper has advanced nearly 50 per cent. Ink and all of the materials entering into the publication of a newspaper have increased in price. The expense of composition lowered by the typesetting machine has increased and caused an advance in wages, and everything entering into the cost of a newspaper is higher than ever before.

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If we had no fallings ourselves we should not take so much pleasure in finding out those of others.—Roche-foucauld. Occasional headache, belching, bad taste in the mouth, lack of appetite and slight nervousness are symptoms of indigestion which, when allowed to go uncorrected, will develop into a case of dyspepsia that will take a long time to get rid of.

Curing a Balky Horse.

(Home and Farm.) A great deal has been written on the subject of the balky horse and mule. Very bad cases of the disease have often been cured. John Dimon, a really experienced horseman, in his very practical book on "American Horses and Horse Breeding," says: "When quite a young man I was conceited enough to believe myself able to swap horses and hold my own with the average horse jockeys of those days."

"I distinctly recollect that on one occasion I purchased a large bay mare, sound and apparently all right, but she considered it far beneath her to handle any load more than a buggy or occasionally a family carriage. When I hitched her to a load of fence-rails she utterly refused to take any part in their transportation."

"At that time of life I was young and hasty in disposition. I was farming and annoyed. My plans were being delayed. I tried the use of the whip, but it did more harm than good. I changed the plan, going to the woods and tying her to a tree, leaving her alone for the afternoon. Toward night I made a visit and hitched her to a wagon. She refused to move. Once more I tied her to the tree."

"She was thus left to reflect until the morning. Then she was evidently getting lonesome as well as hungry and thirsty. Again she was tied and left in her glory because she yet positively refused to work as wanted. She was regularly visited. At last the time came for her to be glad to see the visitor. She whinnied with joy at his approach. "I again hitched her to the wagon, and you may be sure she was glad and anxious to move that wagon. The result of the whole matter was that I owned the mare unweaned of two years, and scarcely ever had a better pulling one alone or in a team, and when I finally sold her I warranted her to pull in any or all harness."

Cowpeas.

(Prof. A. M. Scales in Southern Farm Magazine of Baltimore for September.) Cowpeas provide one of the finest forms of hay for use in the South. Experiments have demonstrated that within reasonable limits cowpeas can be substituted for expensive concentrates like wheat bran and cottonseed meal. For instance, as much as 10 pounds of finely-chopped cowpea hay may be made to replace six pounds of wheat bran. As cowpeas can be grown on practically every farm and gather their nitrogen from the air, and even when cut for hay leave 30 to 40 pounds of nitrogen on each acre of land in the roots, stubble and fallen leaves, it is a crop of vast economic importance. The cowpea is also a splendid smother crop and holds weeds in check very effectively. It has a very fine effect on the physical condition of the soil, bringing it into an ideal state for succeeding crops. There are some drawbacks to using cowpeas for hay, as the crop is difficult to cure; but where wooden triangles of even rough construction not over two feet high are used underneath the stocks of hay casks provided, excellent hay can be made even in a very unfavorable season, as the crop can be put up under these conditions in a semi-green state and will cure out perfectly.

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Administrator's Notice.

Having qualified as administrator of the estate of Rom H. Bryan, deceased, late of Halifax county, N. C., this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 22nd day of August, 1908, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement.

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